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SCHOLARSHIP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has increased the fresh scholarships and laptops for students in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria for selection of students for such scholarships in the country;

(c) the details of the funds allocated during the current financial year; and

(d) the funds likely to be incurred for disbursement of such scholarships in the country?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Number of Scholarship for differently abled persons under Trust Fund has been increased from 1000 to 2000 with effect from the academic year 2013-14.

Facility for providing laptops available to students belonging to Visually Impaired & Speech & Hearing Impaired category has been extended to Orthopedically Handicapped Students also.

The following criteria are adopted for selection of students for scholarships:-

Priority is given to students whose family income is lower.

Applicants with higher percentage of disability.

Applicants studying in Govt. Institutions are over those studying in Private Institutions (if required); and

Applicants older in age to applicants younger in age.

(c)&(d): The allocation for the academic year 2014-15 is Rs. 20 crores under the Trust Fund Scheme. The same amount is likely to be incurred on disbursement of the scholarships.